LESSONS THIS QUARTER

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| 1) 02 June 2019 | 1Timothy 1...
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| 13) 25 August  | Titus 3...

INTRODUCTION

- Out of the 27 New Testament books, Timothy is mentioned in 12 of them as a faithful believer and trusted friend.
- Timothy was the type of guy that would do anything to save anyone from Hell, including cutting off sensitive body parts. Acts 16:1-3
- Paul used Timothy as a troubleshooter to resolve problems or to strengthen churches at Corinth, Philippi, and Thessalonica.
- Timothy was also responsible for establishing churches by appointing elders & deacons who had the right spiritual credentials.
- And Paul revealed several challenges Timothy faced:
  1. He apparently was an introvert. 1Cor 16:10; 2Tim 1:7
  2. He suffered from some unknown stomach problem & other frequent infirmities. 1Tim 5:23
- 1Timothy addresses strange doctrines, proper use of the law within the church, handling difficult people, praying, God’s desire for all men to be saved, the selection of elders and deacons, honoring widows, dealing with difficult employers (masters), and instructing the rich to accomplish great things for God's kingdom.

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| 1Timothy 1:1-2 | v1. It seems odd for Paul to identify himself as an Apostle of JC since he only did that to stress his credentials to struggling believers such as the Romans, the Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, and Colossians.
|               | But we find out that this letter had a wider audience than just Timothy as seen in 1Timothy 6:21 where Paul states “grace be with all of you” where “you” is plural.
|               | v2. Timothy was possibly saved through Paul’s ministry or at least was discipled by Paul since Paul calls Timothy “son” in v18, and “beloved son” in 2Tim 1:2

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| 1Timothy 1:3-6 | v3. “instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines”
|               | This was not going to be an easy or a quick task, but it was critical for Timothy to adjust his travel plans & remain in Ephesus to tackle this problem.
|               | What would Timothy need to do if these men continued teaching strange doctrines?
|               | ☐ Ask them to leave the church? ☐ Go ballistic?
|               | ☐ Have persistent patience, gentleness, boldness?
|               | v4. Avoid “myths and endless genealogies…”
|               | The mixing of Christian beliefs with heathen myths & rituals is called syncretism (e.g. Mardi Gras)
|               | The Jews of this time period also strived to ascertain their genealogy. To reach high office a Jew needed to claim pure lineage for 4 generations on both sides of his family. The Expositor’s Bible Commentary, p487
|               | vv5-6. “The goal of our instruction is love…”
|               | Timothy was not to simply win a debate, or silence the false teachers, or expel them, but to win them

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- We need more Timothy’s in our churches to keep us focused, and who are not afraid to call the baby ugly when it is needed.

NEXT WEEK: 1Timothy 2. This chapter addresses two (2) high impact topics – 1) effectively praying for people, and 2) the powerful influence women have within the church

Good people don’t need laws to tell them to act responsibly and bad people will find a way around the laws. - Plato

Another Perspective...